

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 COURTNEY MOTLEY,

4 Plaintiff

Case No. 3:20-cv-00217-RCJ-WGC

ORDER

5 v.

6 STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

7 Defendants
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9 **I. DISCUSSION**

10 On April 8, 2020, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of
11 Corrections ("NDOC"), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed
12 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). Plaintiff's application to
13 proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete.

14 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin
15 a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil
16 action without prepaying the full \$400 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the
17 inmate must submit all three the following documents to the Court:

18 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this
19 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on
20 page 3),

21 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
22 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

23 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
24 **previous six-month period**.

25 Plaintiff has not submitted a Financial Certificate on this Court's approved form or
26 an inmate account statement for the past six months. Accordingly, the Court denies
27 Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) without prejudice because
28 the application is incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time extension** to file

1 a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the
2 required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma*
3 *pauperis* on or before **June 9, 2020**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not
4 grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application
5 to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents on or before **June 9, 2020**,
6 the Court will dismiss this case without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the
7 Court when Plaintiff is able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully
8 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. To clarify, a dismissal without
9 prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case with the Court, under
10 a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit with the
11 application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an
12 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$400 on or
13 before **June 9, 2020** to proceed with this case. The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights
14 complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff
15 timely files a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three
16 documents or pays the full \$400 filing fee.

17 **II. CONCLUSION**

18 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed
19 *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete
20 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the
22 approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the
23 document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **June 9, 2020**, Plaintiff will either pay
25 the full \$400 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$50
26 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

27 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this

28 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two

1 signatures on page 3),

2 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
3 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

4 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
5 **previous six-month period.**

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete
7 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$400
8 filing fee for a civil action on or before **June 9, 2020**, the Court will dismiss this action
9 without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number,
10 when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed
11 *in forma pauperis*.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint
13 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

14 DATED: April 10, 2020

15 William G. Cobb
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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